

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. – 15. (Cancelled)

16. (New) A process for manufacturing a coffee brewing capsule, the process comprising the steps of:

- a) forming a ground or flaked, roasted coffee composition,
- b) compressing the roasted coffee composition in a roller press, the roller press having two pocketed rollers with complementary pockets on their surfaces, the roller press adapted to form a compressed body of the roasted coffee composition,
- c) placing the compressed body into the brewing capsule,
- d) sealing the brewing capsule, and
- e) crushing the compressed body in the sealed brewing capsule to form a particulate coffee within the sealed brewing capsule.

17. (New) The process of claim 16, further comprising the step of applying external cooling to the roasted coffee composition prior to, or concurrent with, step b).

18. (New) The process of claim 16 wherein the compressed body resulting from step b) has a density that is greater than 0.95g/cm^3 .

19. (New) The process of claim 19, wherein the particulate coffee has a particle size (D_{4,3}) of from about 200 μm to about 600 μm and a tap density of greater than about 0.5g/cm^3 .